of areas from Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka and would be viable, economically and technically; and

(b) whether this proposal would be favourably considered and early action would be taken for its speedy implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

Rail projects of NER

1294. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of rail projects in the NER which are to be taken up with the Asian Development Bank loan;

(b) the time by which the works on these projects are likely to be taken up; and

(c) the details of time schedules for completion of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir. No such project is being taken up with the assistance of Asian Development Bank.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Gauge conversion of Chhindwara-Nagpur railway line

†1295. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the gauge conversion work between Chhindwara-Nagpur narrow gauge line was cleared alongwith the cost thereof;

(b) the amount allocated for the project during current financial year and the amount spent on this, so far;

(c) by when the work is targeted to be completed; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) whether the additional or more funds would be allocated to speed up its progress in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The work of gauge conversion of Chhindwara-Nagpur (149.52 kms) was included in the Budget 2005-06 at an anticipated cost of Rs. 383.79 crore.

(b) An outlay of Rs. 45 crore has been provided for the project during 2006-07. The actual expenditure incurred on this project during the current financial year will be known once the accounts are finalized after the end of the current financial year.

(c) No target date of completion has yet been fixed.

(d) An outlay of Rs. 70 crore has been proposed for the project in the Budget 2007-08.

Ahmedabad-Udaipur Railway line

1296. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the gauge conversion work between Ahmedabad and Udaipur would be started;

(b) whether there is any budget provision in Railways budget for this project; and

(c whether it is possible to accord priority to this section by Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) This is not a sanctioned project.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Doubling of Shoranur-Mangalore railway line

1297. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the doubling of the railway line between Shoranur-Mangalore section has been delayed due to contractual failures; and